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Students Learn History is Fun at the Utah History Fair

Statewide winners of the Utah History Fair will compete at the national level in Washington D.C. on June 15-16. After a series of regional contests, these young historians won top honors at Utah's culminating History Fair, held at the University of Utah on April 16.

The Utah History Fair is an academic program that gets students involved in primary historical research. They then use their findings to produce essays, exhibits, filmed documentaries, live performances, or web sites. This year, participants addressed the theme "Conflict and Compromise in History."

State History helps fund and support the Utah History Fair and also offers a \$1,000 "Best in Utah History Award." This award went to Haley Parker for her paper, "Uranium Mining in San Juan County, Utah: Compromising Safety for Prosperity."

Find out more about the Utah History Fair at www.usu.edu/utahfair/histfair.html and history.utah.gov.

The following state winners represent Utah's brightest young historians:

Documentary

Junior Division – Grades 6-8

Group

1st Place: Rachel Roberts, Michael Roberts, Hatti Snyder, Beaver High School, "Tools of Conflict: Salt Lake City Newspapers"

2nd Place: Jeffrey Rawlins, Jared Sampson, Lakeride Jr. High School, "The Compromises That Made America: The Constitutional Convention of 1787"

3rd Place: Jentri Barneck, Justine Barneck, Tabiona High School, "World War Two and Dropping the Bomb: Conflict and Compromise"

Individual

- 1st Place: Ryan Baker, Midvale Middle School, “Vivien Thomas: A Pioneer in the World of Slavery”
- 2nd Place: Kaden Groves, American Fork Jr. High School, “Bacon’s Rebellion: The Selfish Conflict”
- 3rd Place: Amy Jackson-Smith, Mt. Logan Middle School, “Scottsboro”

Senior Division – Grades 9-12

Group

- 1st Place: Kira MacKnight, Kate Kilbourne, Kaylee Hughes, Brian Housekeeper, Carbon High School, “Robert Marshall: A Victim of Intolerance”
- 2nd Place: Lauren Sidwell, Ashley Larkin, Logan High School, “Glory Hunter vs. American Moses – The Ongoing Debate Between Church and State”
- 3rd Place: Jeannie Kirk, Joy Merhet, Teckly Royer, San Juan High School, “Women’s Suffrage”

Individual

- 1st Place: Dane Hurst, San Juan High School, “America’s New Deal”
- 2nd Place: Kalin Hoffheins, Beaver High School, “Henry Kissinger: The Compromiser of the 20th Century”

Exhibits

Junior Division – Grades 6-8

Group

- 1st Place: Briann Limb, Naomi Sawyer, Belknap Elementary School, “Heart Mountain: Quest for Compromise”
- 2nd Place: Jaymie Warner, Taylor Warner, Thomas Edison Charter School, “From Princess to Prisoner: The Story of Malika Oufkir”
- 3rd Place: Simone Shumway, Cortney MacDonald, Madison Parker, Kendra Parker, Albert R. Lyman Middle School, “Monumental Conflict and Compromise: The Creation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument”

Individual

- 1st Place: Alison Kelly, Lakeridge Jr. High School, “The Munich Agreement: A Failed Compromise”
- 2nd Place: Cimmeron Merchant, Thomas Edison Charter School, “NAGPRA: The Compromise of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act”
- 3rd Place: Amy Ashby, Mt. Logan Middle School, “The Homestead Strike: Forging the Way for Workers’ Rights”

Senior Division – Grades 9-12

Group

- 1st Place: Julia Stock, Johnathon Stock, LIGHT Education Co-op, “The Six Day War: Conflict and Compromises That Redefined Peace in the Middle East”
- 2nd Place: Cara Limb, Rachel Sawyer, Rebecca Sawyer, Beaver High School, “From Huddled Masses to the White House”
- 3rd Place: Brianna Johnson, Kelton Wells, Lindsay Hullinger, Mike Harmond, Carbon High School, “The Noble Experiment”

Individual

1st Place: Mikaela Wagner, Tabiona High School, “The Berlin Airlift of 1948-49: Cold War Conflict and Compromise”

2nd Place: Connor Frost, Monticello High School, “The Berlin Wall...Freedom Compromised”

3rd Place: Sarah Baker, Mont Harmon Jr. High, “Topaz: Utah Internment Camp”

Performance

Junior Division – Grades 6-8

Group

1st Place: Ryan Jones, Kyle Owens, Amanda Jones, Courtney Spilker, Desert Hill Middle School, “The Conflict and Compromise of Death Valley’s History”

2nd Place: Meili Christiansen, Tyler Adams, Jenny Jarvis, Chandra Kreth, Jessian Levering, Beaver High School, “A War With Time: The Conflict and Compromise of the Death and Aging in Modern America”

3rd Place: Allison Uchida, Kalika Rose, Mallory Mower, Aesher Osana, Bryant Middle School, “Utah Engaged With Statehood”

Individual

1st Place: Amelia Wexler, Bryant Middle School, “Riveting Rosie: Compromising Their Traditional Roles as Women to Come to the Rescue During the Conflict of World War II”

2nd Place: Jacqueline Wallace, Timberline Middle School, “Conflict and Compromise of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire”

3rd Place: Brittney Millington, Homeschool, “Letters From a Wounded Soldier Regarding the Battle of Prairie Grove”

Senior Division – Grades 9-12

Group

1st Place: Andrea Call, Melanie Anderson, Centerville Jr. High, “Let the Women Vote: A Century of Conflict”

2nd Place: Rachel Kanell, Rebecca Kanell, Kierra Oakden, Korbin Oakden, Beaver High School, “Conflict and Compromise in Utah’s Coal Mining Industry”

3rd Place: Amber Jones, Cambria Carlson, Brian Jones, Parker Sheeran, Dixie High School, “A Nobel Effort Compromising the Conflict”

Individual

1st Place: Zara Zemmels, West High School, “Parental Advisory: Music vs. Creative Expression”

1st Place: Connor Padilla, Weber High School, “The Conflict of John Scopes vs. the State of Tennessee”

3rd Place: John Weatherford, Monticello High School, “Nevermore”

Historical Paper

Junior Division – Grades 6-8

1st Place: Merin Cook, Bryant Middle School, “The Cuban Missile Crisis: Looking Down the Gun Barrel”

2nd Place: Taylor Magleby, Lava Ridge Intermediate School, “The Colorado River Compact: Decades of Conflict and Compromise”

3rd Place: Nicholas Shrum, Bryant Middle School, “3, 2, 1, Texas Western Breaks Invisible Racial Barriers”

Senior Division – Grades 9-12

1st Place: Haley Parker, San Juan High School, “Uranium Mining in San Juan County, Utah: Compromising Safety for Prosperity”

2nd Place: Dayna Stevenson, West Jordan High School, “The Impact of the Minie Ball”

3rd Place: Beth Icard, Mont Harmon Jr. High School, “Who Owns the Past? Finding a Home for Art, Cultural Artifacts, and Historical Remains”

Web Site

Junior Division – Grades 6-8

1st Place: Shaun Devereaux, Timberline Middle School, “Topaz: Life Behind Barbed Wire”

2nd Place: Alex Williams, Maren Douglass, Timberline Middle School, “20 Killed During the Salem Witch Trials”

3rd Place: Alexa Kruckenberg, Alyssa Church, Silvia Smith, Midvale Middle School, “Segregation: Conflict and Compromise in the Second World War”

Senior Division – Grades 9-12

1st Place: Jeni Sage Sidwell, Matthew Sims, Michael Gerbec, Kendall Brown, Logan High School, “From Conflict to Compromise: The Western Feud over the Colorado River”

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